

MINUTES OF THE SD WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION
April 3, 2017 – 1:30 pm CDT
SDSU Regional Extension Center, 400 W. Missouri Ave., Pierre, SD

Lynn Deibert called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM, April 3, 2017.

Members Present: Chairman Lynn Deibert, Commissioners Ron Thyen, Floyd Muntefering, Duane Buckmeier, and Craig Magedanz; Game Fish & Parks representative Paul Coughlin, Department of Transportation representative Jason Humphrey, and School & Public Lands Commissioner Ryan Brunner.

Ex-Officio/Non-Voting Members Present: Dept. of Ag representative Brandon Beshears, SDSU representative Paul Johnson, and Commission Secretary/Plant Industry Program Manager Brenda Sievers.

Also present were those listed on Exhibit #1.

Chairman Deibert asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Lynn added to reports Scott Guffey with Black Hills Invasive Plant Partnership. Chairman Deibert declared it approved as amended. (Exhibit #2)

Chairman Deibert asked for any changes to the minutes of the two February 22nd meetings. A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering to approve the minutes. Seconded by Duane Buckmeier. Motion carried.

Activity Reports

Department of Agriculture

Brenda Sievers reported that staff has been attending and presenting programs at County Weed Board Annual Meetings.

Ron Moehring reported talking to weed supervisors about the possibility of adding Absinth Wormwood to the state noxious listing. He is requesting the Commission look at this further at the September meeting. Since Ron had to leave the meeting early, Chairman Deibert asked him to talk about the #4 item on the New Business Agenda – Letter to Legislators on USFWS Lands. Ron explained that a letter had been sent in the past from the Commission to try to get better control of noxious weeds on United States Fish and Wildlife Service lands. After much discussion, it was decided to not send a letter, but to ask an official with USFWS to attend the September Commission Meeting to talk about weed issues and possible solutions on USFWS property.

Dale Anderson reported on the CAPS pest surveys that are being planned for the upcoming season. The main survey will be in corn and soybeans. He also talked about karnal bunt, gypsy moth and Japanese beetle trapping. Mike Stenson talked about planned activities for the bio-control survey.

District Reports

Craig Magedanz – At Large – Craig has attended 4 county annual meetings and a county commission meeting regarding grants since February.

Ron Thyen – District 1 – Ron reported that he had attended the Hamlin County Commission Meeting on grants as well. Brenda presented information there for the commissioners.

Floyd Muntefering – District 2 – Floyd reported the weather looks good and calving is going well.

Duane Buckmeier – District 4 – Duane has been reading the reports sent to him and counties seem to be getting ready for spring applications.

Lynn Deibert – District 3 – Lynn stated Campbell County still has snow in the ditches and they are still having trouble getting a weed supervisor employed.

Department of Agriculture

Brandon Beshears reported that budgets are tight but there had been no changes to them. He talked about the 526 permits and issues when dealing with confidential business information. Dicamba products have now been approved and a new program specialist has been hired in the pesticide area. When asked about the pesticide product registration fee, Brandon said nothing has been changed. Brandon also answered questions on the industrial hemp bill that was defeated.

Department of Game Fish & Parks

Paul Coughlin reported that GF&P staff is getting ready to control weeds again this year and is in the process of hiring seasonal workers. In 2016, GF&P Wildlife Division spent \$545,000 to control noxious weeds on 10,800 acres.

Department of Transportation

Jason Humphrey said the Department is in the process of getting weed spraying contracts out earlier this year. One bill that was defeated this year would have required DOT to plant only native grass species in rest areas. There are three rest areas in the state that are being renovated this year and DOT is planning to plant native species in those locations. There is a \$25,000 bid limit for the counties on the spraying contracts. Over that amount must be done by a bid process. There was a suggestion to have a fillable .pdf document available for the bid item sheets on the spraying contracts. Jason will look into that.

School & Public Lands

Ryan Brunner said they have been busy with land lease auctions. Bidding has been very active this year. They are seeing more prairie dogs than before.

SDSU

Paul Johnson talked about palmer amaranth and the issues in Minnesota and Iowa. He mentioned that SDSU wouldn't be able to do anything with hemp, due to the federal dollars they receive. Paul reported on reprinting of the revised weed book. Books are now available to those who need some.

Scott Guffey – Black Hills Invasive Plant Partnership

Scott reported the group has created a priority management list. The group works with several different agencies to deal with weed issues.

Old Business

Gary Pribyl reported on the 2017 Weed and Pest Conference held in Huron. There were 180 people registered. The sponsor list was down this year. The 2018 Conference will be in Rapid City, February 14-16, 2018. Scott Guffey suggested having competitive grant recipients give a report on their projects during the Conference for all to hear. The Commission consensus was to still have reports given at their meeting, but thought it would be good for all to hear at the Conference as well.

New Business

Long Range Objectives

The Long Range Objectives were presented. A motion was made by Ryan Brunner to accept the Long Range Objectives. Seconded by Ron Thyen. Motion carried.

Annual Work Plan

Brenda Sievers discussed the Annual Work Plan, including the calendar and meeting dates. The fall tour area will be District 2 this year. A motion was made by Craig Magedanz to accept the Annual Work Plan. Seconded by Floyd Muntefering. Motion carried.

Clark, Campbell & Hughes County FY2018 Grants – Qualifications

Clark and Campbell Counties had no one in attendance at the Supervisor's Training held February 22 at Huron, making them ineligible for a regular/contractual grant for FY2018, according to grant criteria. Lynn Deibert presented information to the Commission for Campbell County. Clark County sent a letter for the Commissioners to read. After discussion, a motion was made by Ron Thyen, seconded by Craig Magedanz, to follow the rules and deny the regular/contractual grants to Campbell and Clark Counties. Motion carried.

Hughes County only had one person at the Weed and Pest Conference, making them eligible for half of the regular/contractual grant. They had sent a letter to the Commission asking to receive the full grant. A motion was made by Craig Magedanz, seconded by Paul Coughlin, to approve paying the regular/contractual grant for Hughes County at half the regular amount, per grant criteria. Motion carried.

Since Hughes County only had one person at the Weed and Pest Conference, this made them ineligible to receive their competitive grant funds, per grant criteria requiring two in attendance. After discussion, a motion was made by Ron Thyen, seconded by Paul Coughlin, to deny Hughes County grant WP-C18-1 for \$2,500, due to grant criteria not being met. Motion carried.

Elections

Chairman Deibert turned the meeting over to Gary Pribyl for elections. A motion was made by Craig Magedanz, seconded by Ryan Brunner to nominate Lynn Deibert for Chairman. A motion was made by Duane Buckmeier, seconded by Jason Humphrey, to have nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Lynn Deibert as Chairman. Motion carried. Chairman will be Lynn Deibert.

Gary Pribyl turned the meeting back over to Chairman Deibert for the Vice-Chairman election. A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering, seconded by Ryan Brunner, to nominate Craig Magedanz for Vice-Chairman. A motion was made by Duane Buckmeier, seconded by Ryan Brunner, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Craig Magedanz as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried. The Vice-Chairman will be Craig Magedanz.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering, seconded by Ryan Brunner to pay the meeting expenses, salary and per diem for meetings attended. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert declared the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary

Lynn Deibert, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)

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